

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the status of the claims will be as is shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A content playback control method that controls a playback by decoding encrypted content only when a usage condition is met, using license information containing a content key and the usage-key condition, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving the license information, information about a possibility/impossibility of a special playback, and playback control information describing a special section in the encrypted content;

~~determining whether the usage condition specifies at least a playback based on playback control information; and~~

~~when the usage condition specifies at least a playback based on the playback control information, controlling a the possibility and impossibility of a the special playback in a the special section in the encrypted content, described in the playback control information, according to a restriction for the information about the possibility/impossibility of the special playback described in the playback control information.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 26, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind skip and jump.

28. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 26,

wherein ~~the~~ a restriction for the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

29. (Currently Amended) The content playback control method according to claim 26, wherein a section₁ to which ~~the~~ a restriction for the special playback applies₁ is described on a per-segment basis.

30. (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 26, wherein the license information manages the content key and the usage condition as a pair.

31. (Currently Amended) A content distribution server, comprising:
a license information ~~generating section~~ generator that generates license information containing a content key ~~for generating encrypted content by encrypting content~~ and containing a usage condition ~~that specifies at least a playback based on playback control information describing a section of the encrypted content and a restriction for a special playback of the section;~~

a content storage that stores content;

a content ~~encrypting section~~ encryptor that generates ~~the encrypted content~~ by encrypting the content stored in the content storage by the content key;

a playback control information generator that generates playback control information describing a special section in the encrypted content and restriction information describing a restriction for a special playback of the special section; and

~~a communication section~~ communicator that transmits the license information generated in the license information ~~generating section~~ generator, and the encrypted content generated in the content ~~encrypting section~~ encryptor, and the playback control information and the restriction information generated in the playback control information generator.

wherein, in the usage condition, the license information generator includes allowing only a playback based on the playback control information describing a special section in the encrypted content and the restriction information describing a playback mode of the special section.

32. (Currently Amended) The content distribution server according to claim 31,

wherein the ~~communication section~~ communicator transmits the license information as a pair of the content key and the usage condition.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) A content playback control terminal that controls a playback by decoding encrypted content, only when a usage condition is met, using license information containing a content key and the usage condition, the terminal comprising:

~~a communication section~~ receiver that receives the license information, information about a possibility/impossibility of a special playback, and playback control information describing a special section in and the encrypted content;

~~a decoding section that decodes the received encrypted content using the received content key;~~ and

a playback control information-~~processing section~~ processor that, when the usage condition specifies at least a playback based on playback control information, controls ~~a~~ the possibility and impossibility of ~~a~~ the special playback in the special section in the encrypted ~~of~~ ~~decoded content in a section~~ described in the playback control information, according to the information about the possibility/impossibility of restriction for the special playback ~~described in the playback control information.~~

35. (Currently Amended) The content playback control terminal according to claim 34, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind skip and jump.

36. (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 34, wherein the restriction for the special playback is described by a possibility/impossibility code.

37. (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 34, wherein a section to which the restriction for the special playback applies is described on a per-segment basis.